

## REMARKS

Claims 1-6 were pending. Claims 2-3 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1 and 4-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 based on the term "saccharidic portions." To simply expedite prosecution, and not for any reasons related to patentability, Applicants have amended claim 1 by substituting the term "saccharides" for "saccharidic portions." As such, Applicants have not relinquished or surrendered any equivalents or scope of coverage as a result of this amendment. Thus, this issue is moot and withdrawal of these objections and rejections is respectfully requested.

New claim 7 has been added to further specify saccharides which are glucose or a derivative thereof. Support for new claim 7 may be found throughout the specification and examples provided (*e.g.*, p. 24, example 23 ( $R_2$  = glucose derivative) and p. 26, example 24 ( $R_2$  = glucose)). As such, claims 1-7 are now pending and the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

No additional fee is required. If there any such fees, please charge them to our firm Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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